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06 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
07 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

08 JAMES BAKER, ) CASE NO. C08-0565-JCC-MAT  
09 Plaintiff, )  
10 v. ) ORDER STRIKING PLAINTIFF'S  
11 HOWARD ANDERSON, et al., ) REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY  
12 Defendants. )  
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14 Plaintiff is a Washington state prisoner proceeding *pro se* in this civil rights action pursuant  
15 to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On August 19, 2008, the Court issued an Order regarding pretrial  
16 preparations. (Dkt. No. 28). This Order established deadlines for completing discovery and filing  
17 dispositive motions. Plaintiff subsequently sent the Court a request for production of documents  
18 followed by a letter regarding discovery. (Dkt. Nos. 30 & 32). Neither the request nor the letter  
19 appear to have been sent to counsel for defendants. Having considered the request and letter, the  
20 Court does hereby find and ORDER:

21 (1) Plaintiff is advised that requests for discovery should not be sent to the Court but  
22 rather to the opposing party. The Court's role is limited to resolving disputes regarding discovery

01 if they arise. Therefore, the Clerk shall STRIKE plaintiff's request (Dkt. No. 30) and return it to  
02 plaintiff.

03 (2) Plaintiff is further advised that pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and  
04 the Court's Local Rules, he must send defendants a copy of every document he files with the  
05 Court. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(a); Local Rule CR 7(b). In the future, the Court will strike any  
06 documents filed with the Clerk which have not also been sent to defendants. Plaintiff should  
07 include on all documents a statement that acknowledges that he has complied with this rule.

08 (3) The Court's previous Order set a deadline for completing discovery of October 20,  
09 2008. (Dkt. No. 28). Plaintiff is advised that if he needs more time to complete the discovery  
10 process, he must file a motion to extend the discovery deadline. Plaintiff should file such a motion  
11 no later than October 20, 2008.

12 (4) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to plaintiff, to counsel for  
13 defendants, and to the Hon. John C. Coughenour.

14 DATED this 7th day of October, 2008.

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17 Mary Alice Theiler  
18 United States Magistrate Judge  
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